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[Declarações Prime Minister David Lange]

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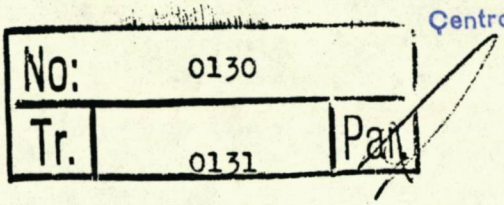

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presenter:
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the prime minister is proposing direct aid from new zealand to east timor as a result of a very recent visit there by jakarta-based ambassador, micahel powles. mr. lange says ambassador powles went to east timor at the request of the government and found there is now no hope of successful fretilin independence uprising.

david lange:
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the report shows that the ambassador travelled widely - in fact, more widely than he thought he would be able to - that there was clearly evidence of government security activity, but no substantial evidence of resistance to it. and, indeed, life seemed to be functioning as well as could be expected. further human rights' situations are being dealt with by court process - and, in fact, rather than the tracitional heavying or military action against people thought to be insurgents, people are now being put on trial, given effective legal aid and in some cases have been acquitted. that is a very marked development from what used to pertain.

reporter:
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can your ambassador make a comparison between the situation now and what it was, perhaps, under the portugese, for instance ?.

lange:
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oh, that's very clear. the ambassador's report shows firmly that there is marked improvement in the quality of life - both as to economic wellbeing - and it certainly has the implication of ..... liberty is actually better, overall. that is the implication of the report. because, you see, the portugese were colonial rulers of a not very benign character in east timor.

reporter:
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what are the implications for new zealand now, in terms of its relationship with both indonesia and east timor ?.

lange:
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i think we ought to make sure that we move to target aid to east timor. and there are some projects there which could benefit with new zealand assistance - in particular, the area of cattle and dairy cattle - because we have special expertise which is used in other parts of the region and can be there. basically, it's to target that. it's also to make clear, on a government-to-government basis - but not by public rebuke - our monitoring of human rights' situations in east timor and taking them up with the indonesian authorities. there's clear evidence that indonesia is perfectly prepared to do that.

reporter:
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any timescale for any one of these things ?.

lange:
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oh, i think we should start now.

presenter:
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the prime minister was talking to our political editor, dick griffin.

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